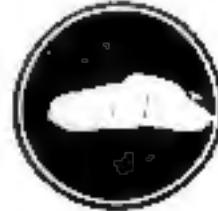


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BIRKUZOV (1945)

From: SOFIA

To: MOSCOW

Nos: 35, 34, 36

15 November 1945

[3 parts of a multi-part message]

[i]

(PART II) In this conversation PETKOV[ii] suggested to CHOLAKOV[iii]
[11 groups unrecovered].CHOLAKOV gave his consent to this and said that he would submit his resignation
at the [Bulgarian Ministerial] Council at

[22 groups unrecovered]

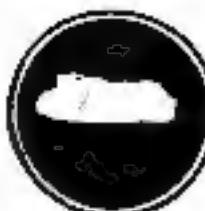
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[Final Part] [16 groups unrecovered]

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him threat. A careerist,

[2 groups unrecovered]

[45 groups unrecoverable]

BOSWALL (BOSTEL) [iv] in the RILA (RYL'SKIJ) Monastery [v]. In our opinion and likewise in the opinion of "[1 group unidentified]" and of "ShELK" [vi] [5 groups unrecovered] for the Fatherland Front [7 groups unrecovered] in the opinion of KIRSANOV [vii] and BIRYUZOV [viii] will considerably weaken the position of the USSR in BULGARIA.

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[i]

Footnotes: [i] Addressee and signatory unrecovered or unrecoverable.

✓ [ii] PETKOV: Nikola PETKOV, leader of the Independent Agrarians, BULGARIA; appointed Minister in the Fatherland Front Government in September 1944, resigned (with 5 other Ministers) in August 1945.

✓ [iii] CHOLAKOV: Professor Stanko CHOLAKOV, appointed Minister of Education in the Fatherland Front Government in September 1944, replaced as such by 30 September 1945.

✓ [iv] BOSWALL: William Evelyn HOUSTOUN-BOSWALL, British Political Representative in BULGARIA from February 1945.

[v] RILA Monastery: 42.08N 23.21E, BULGARIA.

✗ [vi] ShELK: ie "SILK"; unidentified covername. Also occurs in SOFIA's Nos. 48 of 22 November 1945 and 8, 3, 11 of 2, 4 and 8 January 1946 (all unpublished).

✓ [vii] KIRSANOV: Stepan Pavlovich KIRSANOV, Soviet Minister to BULGARIA.

✓ [viii] BIRYUZOV: Colonel-General Sergej Semenovich BIRYUZOV, Soviet Member and Deputy Chairman, Allied Control Commission, BULGARIA.

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